

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
March 26, 2003

**Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
March 2003
Purchased Gas Adjustment**

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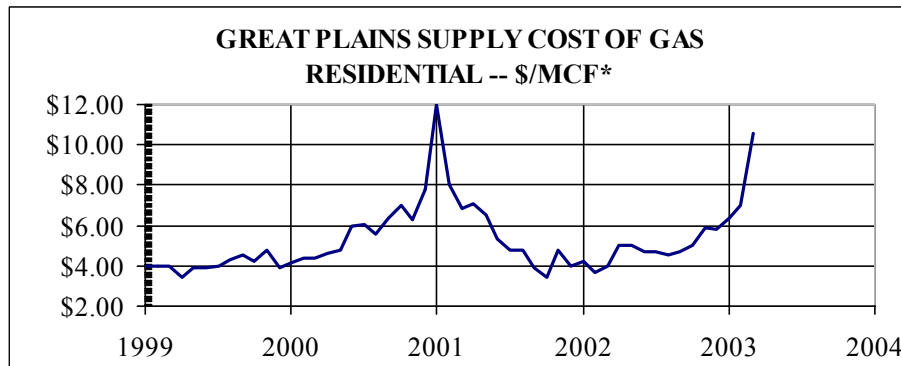
For gas usage on or after March 1, 2003, Great Plains is increasing its purchased gas adjustment by \$3.5399 per MCF for residential customers. This changes the current adjustment from \$1.8438 per MCF to \$5.3837 per MCF.

The residential customer increase is due to:

- \$3.4305 per MCF increase in the commodity cost of gas.
- \$.1094 per MCF increase in the demand cost of gas.

The supply cost of gas for March usage is \$10.5686 per MCF.

The change in cost for third party commodity purchases is attributed to colder than normal weather patterns, lower than expected storage report, and the threat of war in the Middle East. The change in demand cost is attributed to the retirement from service of the North Town's peak shaving plant and a re-allocation of capacity based on the current Peak Day Design.



For residential consumption typical of March (approximately 12.5 MCF), bills will be increased by approximately \$44.25.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on the EIA website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s purchased gas adjustment for March 2003, Case No. PU-402-03-138.

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